

Sandy newsletter

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Sandy Police Department: Working Hard to Keep Sandy Safe



When images of the police come to mind, most individuals think about the drama of racing cars, blaring sirens or catching bad guys. The Sandy City Police Department sees its share of drama and catching the bad guys, but keeping a community safe involves training, technology and a passion for what you do.

The Sandy City Police Department has goals and values it follows every day:

- Integrity First
- Service Before Self

• Excellence In All We Do

With 118 sworn officers to protect and serve, these core values instilled in officers make Sandy City one of the safest places to live in the United States. The police department strongly believes in a pro-active approach through a variety of programs designed to educate the public. Other valuable tools that are key in keeping the public safe include communication and partnership with the community. The police department has worked hard to develop and adjust programs that are tailored to the needs of the Sandy community.



Sandy City Police Chief, Steven Chapman, Sandy Mayor, Tom Dolan and VIPS Volunteer, LaMar Beckstead, addressing Sandy residents at the 2008 Night Out Against Crime.

Programs That Make a Difference

Children At Risk Intervention (CARI) Program:

The CARI program was designed to break the cycle of violence. One underlying factor that the program addresses is how children who grow up being abused will more likely continue the cycle and become abusers. The goal of the program is to see that violent crime doesn't continue. Initially started in 2004, the Sandy Police Department designed the program to specifically address the needs in the Sandy community. A federal grant was awarded earlier this year that will allow the program to expand by adding a mentor program and a family violence court.

The CARI Program is comprised of the following: Victim Advocates Program

The Victim Advocates Program was created to intervene with the victims involved in domestic violence. The program is designed to work with abusers and to provide resources to get them the help they need. Many times the abuser can overcome the problem and go on to live a normal life. The first step is helping them understand that resources are available to help them overcome their challenges.

Sandy Youth Court

The Sandy Youth Court was started three years ago and involves 29 jury members that are students ranging from freshman to seniors. The youth court is an opportunity for troubled youth accused of status offenses to be judged by their peers. The violations include theft, shoplifting, criminal mischief or underage drinking or smoking. The hearings take place in a court setting and are heard by the youth panel instead of a judge in the juvenile court system. The accused, along with their parents or guardians, are asked to appear before the jury where questions

are asked of both parties about the incident. After the jury has finished questioning, they deliberate a disposition that often involves specialized classes, apology letters, community service and counseling. Each participant is assigned a counselor from the jury panel who meets with them on a weekly basis. The purpose of the program is restorative justice from the person accused of the crime and to offer guidance so the offense is not repeated. Members of the jury have witnessed life-changing experiences through the program and consider it to be very successful in helping troubled youth overcome challenges they face.

Other resources or programs offered by the police department include:

- School Resource Officer – each school in Sandy is assigned a resource officer
- Business Watch – businesses can partner with the police department to receive valuable information on crime trends and data
- Tip-a-Cop – call or email information regarding a crime
- Vacation Watch – place your residence on a vacation watch list for extra patrols while you are away
- Fingerprinting
- Explorer Program – for youth ages 14-21 who have an interest in public safety
- “Stop the Violence” – a video produced to help increase awareness of teen dating violence
- Night Out Against Crime – every August the police department meets with neighborhoods throughout the city to educate and inform them on ways to stay safe
- VIPS - Volunteer in Police Service – volunteers who are highly trained and assist police in neighborhood patrols



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